

**JOINT CONVENTION ON THE SAFETY OF SPENT FUEL MANAGEMENT
AND ON THE SAFETY OF RADIOACTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT**

**Organizational Meeting of Contracting Parties
7–8 November 2005**

**REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
FOR THE SECOND REVIEW MEETING**

1. The Joint Convention on the Safety of Spent Fuel Management and on the Safety of Radioactive Waste Management entered into force on 18 June 2001. The First Review Meeting took place in November, 2003. The Second Review Meeting is scheduled for May, 2006. The Organizational Meeting pursuant to Rule 11 of the Rules of Procedure and Financial Rules (INFCIRC/602/Rev.1) was held at the headquarters of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in Vienna, from 7 to 9 November 2005 and was open for attendance for all contracting parties and late ratifiers. Thirty four of the thirty five Contracting Parties attended, as follows: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, EURATOM, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Japan, Korea, Republic of, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Morocco, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Romania, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine, United Kingdom and United States of America.
2. Ms. Patrice Bubar, USA, was elected President of the Organizational Meeting. Ms. Anita Sorlie, Norway was elected Vice-President.
3. Mr. Kazumasa Hioki – IAEA – served as the Secretary of the Organizational Meeting.
4. The meeting adopted the proposed agenda, as shown in Annex I with one modification. A presentation of a proposal by France for Improved Effectiveness and Efficiency of the Review Process has been added after agenda item 6 (See Paragraph 6).

5. The Secretary examined the credentials of participating delegations as communicated by Contracting Parties. Under Rule 8 of the Rules of Procedures and Financial Rules, the meeting approved all the communications listing delegates as presented by the Contracting Parties in the Organizational Meeting on the understanding that some delegations would provide the Secretariat with formal credentials as soon as possible, preferably before the end of the Organizational Meeting.

6. France proposed modifications to the Review Process to allow for improved efficiency. The proposal was to have the Country Group sessions during the first week and the Final Plenary begin the second week. The Rapporteurs, Country Group chairs and President and Vice Presidents would draft the Report over the weekend. The Contracting Parties agreed to consider the proposal for the May Review Meeting agenda.

7. As described in Section III of the Guidelines regarding the Review Process (INFCIRC/603/Rev.2), the meeting participants used the list of nuclear power plant reactors of Contracting Parties as the basis for establishing Country Groups. The meeting decided to establish five (5) Country Groups. Pursuant to the Guidelines, the meeting allocated Contracting Parties to Country Groups based on the ranking established in the list of nuclear power plants (Annex II), using a tennis seeding method. Contracting Parties without nuclear power plants were added to Country Groups, continuing from the point at which allocation of Contracting Parties with nuclear power plants ended. As the randomly chosen letter was K, the allocation of Contracting Parties without nuclear power plants started with Latvia and continued in alphabetical order. The procedure resulted in the composition of Country Groups listed in Annex III which was agreed to at the meeting.

8. The meeting elected Mr. Andre Lacoste, France, as the President of the Second Review Meeting. Ms. Patrice Bubar, USA, and Mr. Young-Soo EUN, Korea, were elected Vice-Presidents of the Review Meeting. To facilitate election – the President of the Organizational Meeting proposed informal guidelines for candidate selection. The guidelines included: gender, rotation of leadership positions amongst Contracting Parties, mixture of regulators and operators, representation from large and small countries, geographic variability and strong language skills.

9. The Country Groups, established as described in Paragraph 7 above then met separately and pursuant to Rule 11 of the Rules of Procedure and Financial Rules made recommendations for other officers of the Second Review Meeting.

10. Upon recommendation from the Country Groups, and pursuant to Rule 11 of the Rules of Procedures and Financial Rules the meeting elected Country Group Coordinators as follows:

Group 1	Ioan Liviu Tutarici, Romania
Group 2	Günter Hillebrand, Austria
Group 3	Kunio Akutagawa, Japan
Group 4	Patrick Majerus, Luxembourg
Group 5	Werner Mester, Germany

11. Upon further recommendations from the Country Groups, and pursuant to Rule 11 of the Rules of Procedures and Financial Rules the meeting elected the following for those officer positions:

Group 1	Leif Moberg, Sweden; C. William Reamer, USA; Wolfgang Hilden, Euratom
Group 2	Yutaka Kawakami, Japan; Phillipe Saint Raymond, France; Robert West, UK
Group 3	László Koblinger, Hungary; Olena Mykolaichuk, Ukraine; Christopher Hone, Ireland
Group 4	Tero Varjoranta, Finland; Peter Lietava, Czech Republic; Patrick O’Sullivan, Netherlands
Group 5	Walter Blommaert, Belgium; Bruce Lange, Canada; Irene Mele, Slovenia.

12. To ensure that, in accordance with Rule 11 of the Rules of Procedure and Financial Rules, no Chairperson or Rapporteur is assigned to the Country Group of which his/her country is a member, the Meeting drew numbers to advance Chairpersons and Rapporteurs to different groups. The number drawn for Chairpersons was 4 so the designated Chairpersons were advanced by 4 Groups. The number drawn for Rapporteurs was 3 so the designated Rapporteurs were advanced by 3 Groups. A summary of the officers for each Country Group is shown in Annex IV.

13. Parties agreed by consensus to invite OECD/NEA as an Observer to the Second Review Meeting.

14. Pursuant to Rule 11 of the Rules of Procedure and Financial Rules and Section II.2 of the Guidelines regarding the Review Process, the Meeting decided not to organize topic sessions at the second Review Meeting. However, this topic could be discussed at the Open Ended Working Group Meeting.

15. A cost estimate for the Second Review Meeting (Annex V) was presented by the Secretary. This cost estimate was agreed to. The actual costs will be borne by IAEA.

16. Pursuant to Rule 39.3 of the Rules of Procedure and Financial Rules, the meeting decided that plenary sessions at the second Review Meeting shall be conducted in English, French, Russian and Spanish.

17. Pursuant to Rule 39.5(a) of the Rules of Procedure and Financial Rules, Contracting Parties requested Country Group discussions can be conducted in English and another language while that Country is presenting their national report. Spain in Country Group 1 requested Spanish interpretation, France in Country Group 2 requested French interpretation, Argentina in Country Group 3 requested Spanish interpretation and Ukraine in Country Group 3 requested Russian interpretation. Japan informed that it would bring Japanese interpreter at its own cost.

18. Pursuant to Rule 39.5(b) of the Rules of Procedure and Financial Rules, Contracting Parties can request - within the budget limits - interpretation in another working language during the whole Country Group meeting. No requests have been made pursuant to Rule 39.5(b).

19. Pursuant to Rule 39.6, Contracting Parties agreed that except for National Reports, documents for the plenary sessions of the second Review Meetings shall be made available in English, French, Russian and Spanish.

20. The meeting decided on a Provisional Agenda (Annex VI) and timetable for the Second Review Meeting, 15-24 May 2006 as contained in Annex VII. This timetable may be revised as the Review Meeting date comes closer.

21. Other business that was discussed was the flexibility and utility of the web based system for reviewing National Reports. A demonstration of the system was presented to the Contracting Parties by the Secretary. Contracting Parties are to use the web based system.

22. The meeting expressed its gratitude to the Secretary for the excellent services provided in support of the meeting.

INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY

**Joint Convention on the Safety of Spent Fuel Management and on the
Safety of Radioactive Waste Management (Joint Convention)**

**Organizational Meeting of the Contracting Parties
7 to 9 November 2005, Vienna, Austria
Meeting Room C02 I, Vienna International Centre**

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the Meeting.
2. Election of President and Vice-President of the Organizational Meeting.
3. Adoption of the Agenda.
4. Consideration of Credentials of Participants.
5. Establishment of Country Groups.
6. Election of the President and two Vice-Presidents of the Review Meeting.
7. Election of Country Group Coordinators.
8. Election of Country Group Rapporteurs and Chairpersons.
9. Election of other Officers for the Review Meeting.
10. Invitation of any observers to the Review Meeting.
11. Decision on whether or not to hold topic sessions.
12. Recommendation of a Budget for the Review Meeting
13. Decision on languages for plenary sessions of the Review Meeting pursuant to Rule 39(3) of the Rules of Procedure and Financial Rules.
14. Filing of requests for interpretation during Country Group Sessions pursuant to Rule 39(5) of the Rules of Procedure and Financial Rules.
15. Decision on languages of documents for the plenary sessions of the Review Meeting pursuant to Rule 39(6) of the Rules of Procedure and Financial Rules.
16. Establishment of a draft Provisional Agenda and timetable for the Review Meeting.
17. Consideration of any other matters relevant to the implementation of the Convention, to the extent that they have not been dealt with at the Preparatory Meeting or at the most recent Review Meeting.
18. Any other business.

Annex II

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Official number of nuclear power plant reactors that have achieved criticality

Country	operating	being decommissioned	completed decommissioning	total
United States of America	104	16	10	130
France	59	12	0	71
Japan	57	1	1	59
United Kingdom	38	7	0	45
Germany	17	17	2	36
Canada	19	6	0	25
Korea, Republic of	20	0	0	20
Ukraine	15	3	0	18
Sweden	10	3	0	13
Spain	9	1	0	10
Belgium	7	1	0	8
Slovak Republic	6	1	0	7
Bulgaria	6	0	0	6
Czech Republic	6	0	0	6
Switzerland	5	0	1	6
Finland	4	0	0	4
Hungary	4	0	0	4
Argentina	2	0	0	2
Lithuania	1	1	0	2
Netherlands	1	1	0	2
Romania	1	0	0	1
Slovenia	1	0	0	1
Australia	0	0	0	0
Austria	0	0	0	0
Belarus	0	0	0	0
Croatia	0	0	0	0
Denmark	0	0	0	0
EURATOM	0	0	0	0
Greece	0	0	0	0
Ireland	0	0	0	0
Latvia	0	0	0	0
Luxembourg	0	0	0	0
Morocco	0	0	0	0
Norway	0	0	0	0
Poland	0	0	0	0

Annex III

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Composition of Country Groups for the Second Review Meeting

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	Group 5
United States of America	France	Japan	United Kingdom	Germany
Spain	Sweden	Ukraine	Korea, Republic of	Canada
Belgium	Slovak Republic	Bulgaria	Czech Republic	Switzerland
Netherlands	Lithuania	Argentina	Hungary	Finland
Romania	Slovenia	Latvia	Luxembourg	Morocco
Belarus	Austria	Australia	Poland	Norway
Croatia	Denmark	EURATOM	Greece	Ireland
Future ratifier 5	Future ratifier 4	Future ratifier 3	Future ratifier 2	Future ratifier 1

Annex IV

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Country Group Officers for the Second Review Meeting of the Joint Convention

	Chairperson	Vice-Chairperson	Rapporteur	Co-ordinator
Group 1	Leif Moberg Sweden	C. Williams Reamer USA	Wolfgang Hilden EURATOM	Ioan Liviu Tuturici Romania
Group 2	Yutaka Kawakami Japan	Philippe Saint Raymond France	Robert West UK	Günter Hillebrand Austria
Group 3	László Koblinger Hungary	Olena Mykolaichuk Ukraine	Christopher Hone Ireland	Kunio Akutagawa Japan
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BUDGET ESTIMATE (US\$)

Second Review Meeting
15 - 26 May 2006

Interpretation*:	60 000
Translation:	8 000
Various: (conference service officers, overtime, copying and printing)	5 000
	73 000

*The amount of \$ 60 000 is an upper estimate.

Actual interpretation costs for the first Review Meeting
of the Joint Convention in 2003 was \$ 28 500.

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**Second Review Meeting of the Contracting Parties
15 to 26 May 2006**

IAEA Board Room C04
Vienna, Austria

Provisional AGENDA

Opening Plenary (9:30 a.m. – 12:30, 15 May 2006)

1. Opening of the Meeting
2. Officers of the Meeting
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Request by Late Ratifiers to attend Plenary Sessions of the Review Meeting and to participate in discussions relating to the conduct of subsequent Review Meetings.
5. Credentials of Participants
6. Invitations to Intergovernmental Organizations to attend the Review Meeting of Contracting Parties as observers
7. Procedural Matters
 - (a) Matters arising from the Organizational Meeting
 - (b) The general organization of the review process
 - (c) Open-ended Working Group

Country Group Sessions (2 pm, 15 May - 21 May 2006)

Discussion and approval on the Rapporteur's Summary Report

Final Plenary (22 - 24 May 2006)

8. Presentation and discussion of Oral Reports by Country Group Rapporteurs (22 May)
9. Report by the Open Ended Working Group
10. Procedural Matters (continued)
11. Dates for the next Review Meeting, the Organizational Meeting and the deadline for submission of National Reports for the Third Review Meeting.
12. Other business
13. Approval of Summary Report
14. Presentation of President's Report
15. Closing of the Meeting

Annex VII

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Provisional Timetable for the Second Review Meeting

		Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	Group 5
Monday	15-May	Plenary				
		Romania	Sweden	Bulgaria	Korea	Norway
Tuesday	16-May	Netherlands (2/3)	France (2/3)	Ukraine (2/3)	Poland	Canada
		Croatia (1/3)	Lithuania (1/3)	Australia (1/3)	Hungary	
Wednesday	17-May	USA	Lithuania	Australia (1/3)	Luxembourg	Germany
			Slovenia	Argentina (2/3)	Czech Republic	Ireland (1/4)
Thursday	18-May	Belgium (2/3)	Austria	Japan (2/3)	UK (2/3)	Finland
		Belarus (1/3)	Denmark	Latvia (1/3)	Greece (1/3)	Switzerland
Friday	19-May	Spain (2/3)	Slovakia	(Latvia)	FR2	Morocco
			(Slovakia)	EURATOM		FR1
Saturday	20-May					
Sunday	21-May					
Monday	22-May	Plenary				
Tuesday	23-May	Plenary				
Wednesday	24-May	Plenary				